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1. OFFICIALS IN GOA DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE WHO INFORMED ON STANDARDS QUESTION NOT FREE BEFORE AUGUST 15 AND WE HAVE APPOINTMENT THAT DATE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS THIS MEETING SUBSEQUENTLY.

2. IN MEANTIME WE HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTIONS WITH MR. G. PATON OF SYDNEY-BASED STANDARDS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA WHO HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER RAISED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL.

A. STANDARDS

(1) STANDARDS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SAA) IS INDEPENDENT BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR INDUSTRIAL STANDARDI-
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SATION ON NATIONAL BASIS. SAA IS CONTROLLED BY COUNCIL

COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMONWEALTH AND STATE GOVERNMENTS, ASSOCIATIONS OF MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS. IT IS A MEMBER OF ISO AND IEC. IT DOES MAINTAIN LIST OF STANDARDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES GOVERNING THEIR APPLICATION.

(2) BEST ESTIMATE 1500 MANDATORY STANDARDS. HOWEVER, NOT ALL MANDATORY STANDARDS APPLY AUSTRALIA-WIDE AND FIGURE OF 1500 INCLUDES STANDARDS THAT MAY HAVE MANDATORY APPLICATION IN ONLY ONE STATE. NO BREAKDOWN AVAILABLE IN LIMITED TIME.

(3) VERY FEW MANDATORY STANDARDS ARE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. PATON NOT PREPARED TO PUT FIGURE ON THIS.

(4) STANDARDS ARE DRAWN UP ON BASIS OF REPRESENTATIONS FROM ASSOCIATIONS, FIRMS OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. INTERESTED PERSONS MAY SUBMIT VIEWS. STANDARDS DERIVE AUTHORITY FROM VOLUNTARY ADOPTION BASED ON THEIR INTRINSIC MERIT, BUT WHERE SAFETY OF LIFE OR PROPERTY IS INVOLVED, THEY MAY BE GOVERNED BY COMPULSORY APPLICATION. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON TIME PERIOD BETWEEN APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION.

(5) NO. HOWEVER, THEY MAY SUBMIT VIEWS TO SAA.

(6) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW SMALL SPECIALIZED BODIES SUCH AS FOOD STANDARDS AND DRUG STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, SAA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAWING UP ALL STANDARDS.

(7) NO ESTIMATE AVAILABLE.

B. TESTING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

1. SAA IS THE TESTING AUTHORITY FOR STANDARDS AND HAS AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (USUALLY THE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION OF THE PARTICULAR COUNTRY) TO TEST ON THEIR BEHALF. GOA WILL ACCEPT TESTS CARRIED OUT BY THESE AUTHORIZED AGENTS, E.G. WILL ACCEPT TESTS CARRIED OUT BY USA STANDARDS INSTITUTE.
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(2) NOT APPLICABLE.

(3) NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS YET.

C. AUTHORITY.

(1) ALL STANDARDS WRITING IS DONE BY THE SAA. STANDARDS

ARE PREPARED BY COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF EXPERT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INTERESTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION. THIS ASSISTANCE IS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

(2) AND (3). NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS YET.
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